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In re application of:

Applicant: Gregel, et al.

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Serial No.: 10/055,399 ✓

Examiner: Essama Omgba

Filing Date: January 23, 2002

Title: REINFORCING BAR TOOL AND METHOD

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicants select without disclaimer Invention I, which includes claims 1-21 and 35-40.,

In response to the election of species requirement, Applicants elect Species A, which includes Figures 1-3, 6, 7, 9 and 10. Claims 1-9, 13-17, 19, 21, and 35-40 read on the elected species. Of these, claims 1-3, 5, 6, 13, 14, 16, 21, 35, and 37-39 are believed to be generic.

It is requested that any withdrawn claims remain in this application at this time.

If the Examiner feels that a telephone interview would be helpful to facilitate favorable prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to

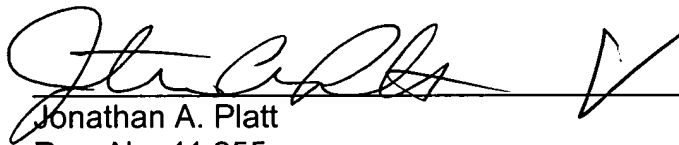
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Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jonathan A. Platt', is written over a horizontal line. To the right of the signature is a large, stylized checkmark.

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